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Skill Development Programme to Retired Defence Personnel
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of defence personnel retired or are released every year in the country;

(b) the details of various schemes being implemented by the Government for rehabilitation of retired defence personnel;

(c) whether the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Skill Development Corporation / Skill Development Network Trust for collaboration on Technical and Programme Management Support to retired defence personnel in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the main features of MoU;

(e) the number of ex-servicemen to be trained for gainful employment; and

(f) the other steps taken / being taken by the Government to provide gainful employment to ex-servicemen in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) Approximately, 55,000 personnel retire annually from the armed forces.

(b) The details of various schemes being implemented by the government for rehabilitation of retired defence personnel are at Annexure.

(c) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Skill Development Network (SDN) Trust on 19th February, 2016 for providing Programme Management Support in implementation of Skill Development Programmes of the Ministry of Defence in India.

(d) SDN Trust will provide the programme management support to MoD in successful roll out of National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) complaint training programmes to Ex-Servicemen (ESM), Skill Development Programmes of Ordnance Factory Boards, Defence Public Sector Undertakings and implementation of vocational education programmes in schools run by Defence Forces.

SDN Trust's Programme Management Support includes the Teacher Training, e-content training of ESM, training of other beneficiaries, technology platform etc. for leveraging the MoD funding towards Skill and Entrepreneurship Development initiatives and schemes.

(e) Number of ESM to be trained for providing gainful employment is approximately 3,00,000 ESM and their wards ion five years starting from financial year 2015-16.

(f) Steps taken / being taken to provide gainful employment to ex-servicemen are:-

(i) Dissemination of information on Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) website regarding Open Competitive Examination for various posts, dates and syllabus etc.

(ii) Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) to arrange job fairs by Corporate Sectors to provide additional employment opportunities to ESM.

(iii) Hosting of job portal by DGR wherein ESM can upload their Bio-data and corporate / other sectors can approach them and pick as per their requirement.

(iv) Organize ESM Job Fairs Pan India to provide an interface between Corporate & ESM.

(v) Regular interaction with corporate houses to generate entrepreneur / employment opportunities for ESM.

(vi) Provision of entrepreneurship of opportunities to ESM through the corporate bodies like TATA Motors, AMAZON.com etc.
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